

HOWARD COUNTY ALCOHOL & DRUG ABUSE ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

September 16, 2015

IN ATTENDANCE: Chinewe Adetula, Mary Affeldt, Robert Ehrhardt, Dr. Joe Gagliardi, Alicia Feliciano, Dominique Hall, Darrell Horney, Jack Kavanagh, Bruce MacDonald, Deb Piez, Sophie Lovering, Roe Rodgers-Bonaccorsy, Meghan Skaggs, Katie Turner, Joan Webb Scornaienchi, Jennifer Van Blarcom, Judge Ricardo Zwaig

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS: The meeting was called to order at 5:17 pm. Joan welcomed the board and guests and everyone introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The September 16, 2015 agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The June 17, 2015 minutes were approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Update provided by Joan

HC DrugFree has been busy this summer!!! The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) is hosting another Drug Take Back Day scheduled for September 26, 2015 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Once again, the Howard County Police Department (HCPD) and HC DrugFree are partnering on this event. HC DrugFree's site will collect medications, needles, syringes, and EpiPens. As HC DrugFree is advertising Take Back Day, they are promoting the permanent collection boxes available throughout the year. The box Joan ordered in June finally arrived, but HCPD has not announced the location for this 4th box.

HC Drug Free contracted with a local marketing agency to coordinate the Opioid educational/media campaign running throughout Howard County. The campaign is called "*In the KNOW...*" Advertisements began running in August in local media (i.e., Columbia Flier, Howard County Times, The Business Monthly, Your Health Magazine, throughout the schools from elementary to high school, etc.) and will run through September. Joan showed examples of the ads as well as her article in Your Health Magazine. She also submitted a blog that is on Maryland Nonprofits' website. Joan showed 2 Opioid educational displays that HC DrugFree will have delivered to more than 70 pharmacies and more than 2,000 medical waiting areas.

HCDrugFree's website now houses an Opioid microsite and is in the process of adding the three (3) new videos featuring Dr. Andy Angelino, Judge William V. Tucker and Joan. If you have suggestions for additional information for the site, please contact Joan.

As HC DrugFree focuses on educating the "older" population about medication misuses and other issues, they registered to attend the 50 Plus Expo to be held on October 16. If you have information targeted to this audience please let Joan know.

Roe and Joan are working with Dr. Maura Rossman to schedule the first Overdose Fatality Review Team meeting in October.

HC DrugFree will coordinate focus group(s) for prescribers (doctors, dentists, etc.) in an attempt to determine how best to encourage doctors to use the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP).

The FY16 Opioid Grant budget has not been approved by the State, but the Plan Joan submitted was approved.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Update provided by Roe

Roe informed the board that 17 individuals have been trained/certified at the Overdose Response Program trainings year to date in FY16 by the Howard County Health Department. The target for the year is to train/certify 250 individuals. The board was informed of Overdose Response Program trainings scheduled in the upcoming months. The next training scheduled for the general public is Monday, 9/21/15 at 10 am at the Howard County Health Department. There is an additional training scheduled at the Howard County Detention Center on 10/19/15 at 4 pm.

Roe informed the board of two FREE upcoming clinical trainings at the Howard County Health Department with continuing education units for social workers provided by the Mental Health Authority.

- Assessment for Persons with Co-Occurring Conditions on Tuesday, 10/13/15, 12 pm to 4:15 pm
- Developing Person Centered-Plans on Wednesday, 10/14/15, 12 pm to 4:15 pm

Roe lastly informed the board that COMAR 10.63.01 Community Behavioral Health Programs is still pending. This COMAR if passed will required that community outpatient programs become accredited. Roe informed the board that Dr. Finegan, a member of the Opioid Emergency Task Force is requesting letters from providers regarding the impact of accreditation preparation and maintenance including significant cost and reduction of staff time from direct patient care.

OTHER UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ADAAB members suggested holding the letter to County Executive Allan Kittleman requesting advocacy for increased Medicaid reimbursement rates. The board suggested gathering more information on the subject before moving forward. Board members volunteered for tasks and will provide feedback at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next ADAAB meeting will be October 21, 2015 in the Executive Conference Room at the Health Department's 8930 Stanford Blvd location at 5:15 p.m.